

Advice, by way of Ostend,  
Of the  
CAPITULATION  
OF THE  
Castle of Namure.

16. Aug. 1695.

August the 14th. 95 from on Board the Neptune.

**T**His Day, about a Eleven of the Clock, we came into the Downes, where we found my Lord Berkley and Sir Cloudesley Shovel, &c. And Yesterday, being Tuesday, an Ostend Man of War of 60 Guns, came by and Saluted us (off the North Forelong) with five Guns, and we her with three; but she not Bearing to us, nor Striking, she was suspected to be a Privateer; and our Captain (Borkenham by name) fired some Shot at her; which made her strike Sail, and come to. The Captain whereof told our Lievetenant Barrington (who was on Board her) That she left Ostend on Monday Morning last, where there was a very strong Report, That the French had Proposed to Surrender the Castle of Namure to His Majesty, upon Condition, That they might March out with Drums beating, Colours flying, &c. Which (it's said) the King had Refused. And that which renders the aforesaid Account more probable is, that by our last Advices, The Approaches were advanced to the Glacis of the Counterscarp, and our Engineers were at Work, to find out the Enemies Mines, which they might probably spring to our Disadvantage, in case of a Storm. About Four Hundred French Deserters were come over to Us from the Castle, who all unanimously Reported, That all the Flesh in the Garrison, is certainly spoiled, for want of Salt; and that Five Horses are killed daily, out of every Company of Dragoons; the Flesh of which is dish'd up for the Souldiers; and that the Marechal de Bouffleers, to encourage them therein, hath had the same Food served up at his own Table; and, that at least Eighty Horses have been killed, after this manner. His Majesty hath strongly Guarded all the shallow Places of the Sambre, and the Maes, to prevent the Marechal de Bouffleers from getting out of the Place; who was obliged to draw all his Horse out of the Out-works, (in which they were exceedingly Gaul'd, by our Cannon and Bombs) and bring them all into the Castle.